

54. An endoscopic scissor blade according to claim 49, wherein said electrically insulative member is a layer.

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55. An endoscopic scissor blade according to claim 49, wherein said conductive member is a layer.

56. An endoscopic scissor blade according to claim 49, wherein each of said first member, said electrically insulative member, and said conductive member is a layer.

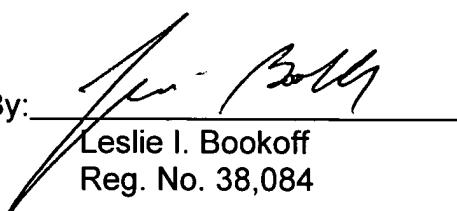
REMARKS

Claims 1-23 and 30-39 were cancelled by the filing of this divisional application. Claims 24-29 and newly added claims 40-56 are pending.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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